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"All the news that's fit to be repressed"

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"This War'll be over by Christmas"

The Dog tries to get some objective perspective on "the War"... Noam Chomsky is "in the works".

Two months ago, (October 2nd) I heard Scott Ritter, the former Chief UN Weapons Inspector to Iraq, present at the University of Victoria. Ritter is a ballistic missiles specialist. He served in the US Marines for 12 years, is a card carrying Republican, and voted for George W., an interesting history, considering his anti-war stance on Iraq. The talk was inspiring and I thought that I would make my

contribution by writing up this article. While I am not a journalist per se, I've made a valid effort to be as objective as possible and to summarize Ritter's speech. An MP3 version of the actual speech is available at www.uvss.uvic.ca Enjoy, and please take some time to think about this.

After Scott Ritter spoke there was a question

period. He didn't have the answers, (which I don't think anyone does), but at least he was open to conversation, and able to address this in a rational fashion. It is the zealot's misguided irrationalism, which breeds skepticism in my mind. Attempts for change will continue to fail, unless we can approach our problems with an open-mind, intelligence, and realism.
- Please see "War" on pg.5, by Stephen Albiniati

The Forum Heats Up

Students, yes that's right students, are being asked, "What is wrong with the decision making process at Augustana? How can we change The Board? How can we work together to make this place better for all of us?" Discussion was heated, some times frustrating,

and it seemed that with each argument both sides became more entrenched in their resolve to change the other's point of view. But, some eyebrows were raised, some points were made that, we hope, may result in some progress in the examination of the

question of change that can be addressed by all members of this debate. Can we say with any confidence that our voices will be heard? Is change, may, have been heard? Is meaningful change really possible?



Jackie Dojack (Chair of the Board of Regents) and Jacqueline Akerman kick up the conversation at Saturday's "Open Forum" between students and Board members. See discussion on p.4 and 7

Who Knew? Your Profs Are Wise



Pass your exams think you will, hummm?

see p. 10

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Take this carrot of wisdom; live; learn; love; be one with yourself...

MONTRÉAL

MASSACRE

Genevieve Bergeron, 21, was a 2nd year scholarship student in civil engineering.

Helene Colgan, 23, was in her final year of mechanical engineering and planned to take her master's degree. Nathalie Croteau, 23, was in her final year of mechanical engineering.

Barbara Daigneault, 22, was in her final year of mechanical engineering and held a teaching assistantship. Anne-Marie Edward, 21, was a first year student in chemical engineering.

Maud Haviernick, 29, was a 2nd year student in engineering materials, a branch of metallurgy, and a graduate in environmental design.

Barbara Maria Kluczniak, 31, was a 2nd year engineering student specializing in engineering materials. Maryse Laganiere, 25, worked in the budget department of the Polytechnique.

Maryse Leclair, 23, was a 4th year student in engineering materials.

Anne-Marie Lemay, 27, was a 4th year student in mechanical engineering.

Sonia Pelletier, 28, was to graduate the next day in mechanical engineering. She was awarded a degree posthumously.

Michele Richard, 21, was a 2nd year student in engineering materials.

Annie St-Arneault, 23, was a mechanical engineering student.

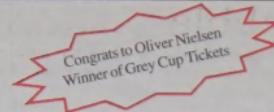
Annie Turcotte, 21, was a first year student in engineering materials. These women: killed Dec 6, 1989.



"May you live in interesting times" -ancient Chinese curse

The Over-Achieving but still Sexy Editors:
Craig Mackie & Preet Gill

* See "MASSACRE" on pg.4



SA Page

Your Students' Association

Suggestions

You need a pen with this box.

You know, it's funny. We get this suggestion almost every month. Unless we weld the pens to the walls, they just wouldn't stay there, not matter how many times we put them there. It is quite a quandary, but we will assume that University students might have a pen handy.

Bar on campus: get rid of the dry campus policy.

I'm afraid that is not a decision your Students' Association can make, but if you feel that strongly about it, talk to the Administration.

Since you are an SA now, does this mean we have a choice to join? Can AUC hold back our transcript if we refuse to pay certain parts of the \$125 only?

The \$125 SA Fee is part of your fees for attending this institution so, yes you do have to pay them. AUC will withhold your transcripts if your account with them is not fully paid. If you'd like to know where your money is spent, I'd be happy to let you know as would any of the other Council members. Just ask. We also have a lovely representation of how your SA Fees are spent on our website and the SU Bulletin Board near the mailboxes.

A clock is needed in F104 please.

Fair request. Calls for a fair answer. No sarcasm at all in this one. The clocks with the SU logo on them were a project that one of the Council members took on before I got here. We can look at trying to get one more ordered for that room, but no guarantees.

For the love of God, please get a second photocopier in the Library! It's ridiculous having half hour line ups to copy one page!

Now, this is a real problem. More photocopiers are needed on campus. I will have a Council member look into this.

Thank you.

You guys don't really care about students. I'm hurt.

Alright, them's fightin' words! Let's take this outside. How can you say that we don't care about students when the entire Association is made up of students (who despite your thoughts are in the same situation as you) except our Office Manager, Cindy, who puts more time and effort and worry into the plight of students and unfair treatment than anyone else?? Take the time to learn about all the meetings we go to on behalf of students (refer to SA Page in last Dug) and all the man hours we spend trying to get unfair policies, etc. changed for you!

You elect trash.

Well, if it isn't Oscar the Grouch! Hate to tell you this, but you elect your student body representatives - only students can vote. Even if you didn't bother to vote, you helped the "trash" to be elected.

Install and charge rent on power stalls in Ravine Parking.

Our dearly missed Third Year Rep from last year, Oscar, was actually working on parking as his project. I'll see if anyone wants to pick parking up as a project this year.

Who writes this stuff?

OK, I drew this one in cause many of you may wonder. Jen Beyer and Cindy Roose try to answer your questions and make sure your suggestions are heard!

We are still accepting applications
for the Formal Coordinator...

actually, we haven't received any yet.

It's an exciting position that may entail a monetary reward...If you are interested and you would like to see the **Formal return to Augustana** this year, come up to the SA Office to apply. Deadline is December 6th!

A Rant with Krista (Piebiak, that is...)

Well, I'm sure all of you have been wondering what the SA Council and President have been up to lately. Here's the scoop. Council has been meeting weekly (Wednesday's at 5:45 pm) in the SA Boardroom to discuss events and student issues. Our meetings are open to all students! Members of Council, myself included, have been representing you on various committees at Augustana. Some of these committees are looking for student feedback. Watch for a notice in your mailbox about the AUC Mission Statement. This is your chance to have input about our new Mission Statement.

Recently, Shauna Littlefair and I had the chance to attend a "Tuition Consultation" meeting. Why the quotes? Well, it wasn't really much of a consultation, more of a dictation. We were told that there will be a 5% increase in tuition and room and board next year. That puts the numbers at approximately \$5,597 and \$4,620 respectively. WOW!! I am supposed to tell you that it's not so bad because the U of A is raising theirs by 7%. \$5,600 is a he-double-hockey-sticks of a lot of money if you ask me. The reason for such an increase is that Faculty Salary negotiations have yet to be completed. The Business Manager cites this and a 300% increase in insurance costs as the reason for the increase. Ask your favorite professor!

Speaking of professors, it has come to my attention that the Faculty morale is at an all time low. When was the last time you expressed your appreciation for your profs? I sent them the following letter on behalf of students, but is that really enough, to hear from one person? I challenge you to show your appreciation to the wonderful people who stand up in front of us everyday.

Okay, from Faculty to Staff. They take the brunt of a lot of crap from us and the Administration. When is the last time you thanked the cleaning staff for a job well done? How about CNS, the Cafeteria staff, the ladies in the Bookstore, the Librarians, or the secretaries in Old Main? Without these people our school would not function. A lot of their work is behind the scenes. Without it, you would not have phone or computer service, a hot meal, or books on the Library shelves. Let them know that we are not ungrateful students.

From Staff and Faculty to the students they serve. How are you doing? What is the student morale? I was asked this question by a Faculty member and was unsure how to respond. Many groups of students were unhappy about Administrative decisions that have been made. Some are worried about the future of the institution after receiving the letter from the Board of Regents. Some are in ignorant bliss that students so often enjoy. What is the general consensus? How do students feel? Let me know so I can be an advocate of the students. Please come visit me in F204 anytime, my office hours are posted, or call 679-1584 and leave a message. I hope you all had the chance to express your thoughts and opinions at the Board of Regents Open Forum.

Want to see your friends act like idiots?

Want to see them do things they probably won't remember?

Come and check out **Marc Savard's Hypnosis Show** coming

to our school gymnasium on **January 23rd, 2002** at 9:30 pm.

He comes highly recommended so mark it on your calendar now!

Tickets will go on sale after Christmas.

This email was sent to Faculty and Staff on November 1, 2002 by Krista Piebiak, on behalf of students.

After the Faculty meeting I attended yesterday, I felt compelled to send this message. Over the past few weeks, having gone to numerous committee meetings and attending a "tuition consultation", I have found myself questioning why I and other students attend this institution in this competitive market. The buildings are old and crumbling and the tuition well on its way to becoming one of the highest in the province. So why am I still here, why do I plan to continue attending this institution? The reasons are few, yet still more than enough to make me want to attend. These reasons are the Faculty and Staff of this institution. You are the sole reason that I and many others have chosen and continue to attend this institution. This school employs some of the most amazing people and teachers I have ever met. I have taken classes in Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, English, Phys Ed, and Religion and have found all Faculty to be amazing. I was always open to speak freely and question, and meet any professor outside of class time to discuss problems. I have found my professors always willing to meet with students for extra help sessions outside of class time, discuss papers, and have consultation of marks and give advice. Where else in Alberta will you find a professor in an advisory position who personally knows you and what you are capable of, one who can knowledgeably advise you about what courses you can handle and where you can go and what you can do in the future. The Staff is amazing as well. There is always a smiling face to greet you in the Cafeteria, Bookstore, CNS, and the Custodial Staff. This is the Augustana I value. This is what I pay for. I am not the only one. We, as students, understand that it is not the Staff and Faculty's fault for all that is going on in our institution. There is no lack of faith or trust in the Faculty and Staff, you are all that is good and right about this place, you are why we attend and stick through the "perceived turmoil".

Kyoto Discussed at AUC

- by Matthew Hebert

Approaching the Kyoto Protocol with "healthy scepticism," Ian Urquhart spoke to a crowd of 70 at Augustana on November 25th. The political science professor from the University of Alberta delivered his findings from research he conducted for "Making It Work: Kyoto, Trade and Politics", a paper paid for by the Parkland Institute.

While criticizing the Alberta government for its actions, especially its upcoming constitutional challenge with the federal government over the control of natural resources, he also blames Ottawa for a lack of leadership. Prime Minister Jean Chretien is hoping to ratify Kyoto by Christmas; however his government has been accused for not having a clear plan to deal with a 6% cut in emissions below 1990 levels. Urquhart suggested the creation of a National Electricity Grid in which "big hydro" can be used to produce electricity and reduce the reliance on producing electricity with coal.

Albertans are "overwhelmingly in support of withdrawing from Kyoto," said Urquhart. The perception in Alberta is that anyone who

"supports a global agreement and believes that it can be implemented without damage is nuts." In response, Urquhart cited the example of British Petroleum. The company accepted the logic behind the Kyoto Accord and set a goal to reduce emissions by 10% below 1990 levels by 2010. BP met their goal last year without any net economic cost and made the company much more efficient. Another example was the 5% decrease in energy use by the United States after the Iranian oil crisis to 1986. This prompted the Americans to become much more efficient in energy use and it paid off as their economy grew by 20%. "Decreasing energy use does not mean sacrificing economic growth. Lowering emissions can improve corporate competitiveness," says Urquhart.

Canada also stands to benefit from "carbon sinks" and international trading of emission credits. Using the two will allow Canada to meet 20% of its emission reduction targets. Both are concessions won by Canada in international negotiations. "These are less painful ways of meeting targets," Urquhart says.

Badger's Babble

-by Derek Kilbourn

This is perhaps a day late, many dollars short, but I'm hoping that it may still have a little effect. I'd like to ask, the last time you went into the computer lab, did you notice the printers? Did it look like there was a lot of paper being used? Was there a lot of paper in the recycling bin? Any stacks of useless stuff being printed out? Getting mad yet? Yes or no, please keep reading. I have to admit, I've been accused of being a bit of a tree hugger, so if I said I get a little bit angry when I see the paper wastage in the computer lab, you probably think I consider any paper being used a wastage. Not true. But going into the main computer lab does get me pretty ticked. Is there any particular reason that someone needs to print 46 pages of an internet site and then take only pages 1 and 2? My faith in human intelligence encourages me to think that it was simply a matter of not knowing how to print just the parts of the site that the person wanted. That was just one example, but I know that many of us go into the lab and find stacks of paper in the output bin of the printer.

I would assume that if something is being printed, it would at least be removed from the printer and read, otherwise, why push the print button? Remember the whole 4 R's thing from our high/junior elementary school days? First one was *Reduce*, if you don't need that paper, don't print it.

Reusing was one that was in there too. If you take a look in the recycling bin, there is a lot of paper in there with only one side printed on. Often it's a big stack of 46 pages of Internet junk, but to continue. Is it simply recyclable now, or is there still a purpose for this paper, I say yes, as do many folks who already know to reuse that paper and print on the other side of the page. All you really need to do is feed it into the printer used/typed on side down (blank side up), same place as the fresh paper, and hit print on your computer. This is the process for all the schools computer, for your own it may be different. If your printing something, check the recycling box, see if there is paper you can use. Some of you might be reading this and trying to figure out if your professors accept papers on reused paper, ask them if you're not sure. Most professors here on campus will accept all assignments on reused papers, some will even accept a disk or email rather than a paper assignment. That wonderful expression, when in doubt, ask! If a professor won't accept assignments or term papers on reused paper, don't call them an asshole and hand it in on reused paper anyways, that's asking for a lower mark. Be patient, wait to get the assignment back and reuse it for another professor.

Recycling is probably my least favorite of the 4 R's, which probably sounds really stupid. But talk about a loaded word. Mention recycling to most people and all you'll get is pop cans and beer bottles. Never mind paper, oil, steel or anything else that most disposal locations will recycle. But I'm on a tangent. Recycling is important, don't get me wrong, it is always better to recycle paper or anything else that you can and are able to rather than throwing it into the garbage. If there is no other use for the paper, then recycle it. But reduce and reuse first. So often the excuse is used, 'It doesn't matter if I print up tons of stuff, it'll get recycled anyways'. Aside from the energy that will be needed to recycle that paper (and this is where I get particularly annoyed with wastage here at AUC) there is a lot of money wasted by using up tons of paper in the computer lab.

Yep, you heard me right, paper wastage means money wastage for Augustana. You probably saying, no S*&t idiot. But I'm pointing this out for the simple reason that we are all aware of the importance of the financial situation here at Augustana. Just like every other department at Augustana, CNS has a limited budget, and only so much is there to buy paper. Ask anyone who remembers what winter semester was like last year can attest that the paper supply does dry up. If your a student who is at all worried about the financial situation of this wonderful institution, think about costing AUC more money. A common argument for wasting paper, water, power, food or anything else here at Augustana is, "I pay \$10 000 a year for tuition and dorms and I'm gonna get my money's worth". This argument goes flying right out the window when a person considers that more wastage could mean the cost going to \$11, 000 or higher. While I do think that there are more causes for the money problems, I do think that a lot of money could be saved by students taking the time to not waste.

Oh yeah, almost forgot, the 4th R, *Rethink* If we teach ourselves to rethink how we go about our days then we can create less waste. Reducing the amount of paper we need to use, *Reusing* paper when we do need to use paper, *Recycling* paper that cannot be used to anything else useful. And what about this paper? The Dag? When your done reading it, pass it on to someone else to read, make a newspaper hat, or recycle it, that's it for Badgers Babble, later, ps. If you don't know who Derek is, he's the guy who's been here at AUC a really long time, you can find him running around campus most days, or leave a message at kilbod@bach.augustana.ca

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The Future is Our Choice

"According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, technologies already exist to achieve emissions reductions by 2010 equivalent to 23% to 38% of global emissions, about half of them at no net cost" (<http://www.mykyoto.ca/wherfrom.asp>).

What are some of these technologies? Are they cheap? Efficient? Clean? Effective? The purpose of this letter is to try and answer these questions to help create a common understanding. To connect the questions with the answers we must first make this statement; many people fail to realize, or at least fail to admit that they are, that the Earth is not infinite. We can deplete the Earth of her resources and destroy it. Fortunately, there are alternatives. To understand the alternatives one must first understand what is involved in climate change due to greenhouse gas emissions and what effects the climate change will have on the Earth. First, what are greenhouse gas emissions? It is the excess of carbon dioxide, methane, ozone, and nitrous oxide in the atmosphere. Second, what causes this excess? There are natural causes such as volcanoes, combustion and decay of organic matter in soils, and methane produced by decaying matter in the wetlands. These gases keep the earth warm enough to support life. These gases are, through natural processes, cycled over time by the oceans, forests, and agriculture. However, vehicles, factories, appliances, heating, lighting, waste, landfills, et cetera. All upset the natural balance and create extreme side effects, such as, global warming, extreme weather change, smog and fog, rise in sea level and human health problems, as well as many other catastrophic effects.

One alternative is the controversial Kyoto Protocol. I know most people are so sick of hearing that word but do most people understand what the Kyoto Protocol is; by simple definition, it is an international agreement between industrial countries. Signing this agreement means that these countries agree to reduce their Greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 5.2% below 1990 levels (the levels now are 20% above 1990 levels), by 2012. However, in order for these reductions to occur the countries must first ratify the protocol. Who is affected most by the protocol? The industrial sector, which inevitably includes the oil and gas agricultural and the commercial sector (all of which emit 75% of the greenhouse gas emissions, where as 25% of the emissions are emitted by individuals). An alternative source of power is wind power. Most commonly used is the wind tur-

bine, which is usually used to create electricity. There are wind farms now all over the world including Germany, the United States, Denmark, Spain, India, and Canada (Southern Alberta has one near the town of Cowley). Wind is inexpensive, environmentally friendly, and setting up a wind turbine is quite simple. Some experts predict that wind can provide up to 12% of the earth's electricity within two decades. "The cost of installing one comes close to that of putting up poles, overhead power lines and other equipment necessary to connect to the electrical grid. The advantage is that the homeowner owns the generating equipment and is freed from paying monthly electrical bills!" (http://www.re-energy.ca/t_i_windenergy.shtml). Hydropower is another option. In fact "Rivers and streams are among nature's most powerful forces. The force of water moving down a moderately-sized river can exceed several million horsepower" (http://www.re-energy.y.ca/t_i_waterpower.shtml). 61% of Canada's energy comes from hydroelectricity. There are negative ecological impacts, which include the interruption of the natural migration of fish. There are, however, small-scale waterpower or micro-hydro pumps. These can be homemade and are more ecologically friendly.

Bio-energy is one of the oldest and yet less thought of methods of energy. Wood for example can be burned for fuel and heat. Wood, however, is becoming scarce. Fortunately, grass, peat, and cow manure can be burned as well, though these are often very smoky. Ethanol and methanol are other sources of bio-energy. Both are excellent sources of fuel for vehicles. Even the Formula 1 racecars use them because they are clean and more powerful than gasoline. Both, unfortunately, are very toxic in large amounts, which can be harmful and can even cause death. Gasoline substitutes can also be derived from plants, this process is known as bio-fuel. Bio-gas is another form of bio-energy. In this case the energy is derived from a gas (usually methane) from rotting vegetation, usually when oxygen is absent. Science has been able to duplicate this process with bio-gas generators. These generators take shredded plant and animal waste and mix them with water and then seal them air tight. This organic cocktail then sits and the bacteria (that is brought in with the plant and animal waste) begins to produce bio-gas, which builds up and is collected at the top of the tank. The bio-gas is piped into a bag where it is stored until it is needed. When the bio-gas

runs out or slows down, the process must begin again. Fortunately, the old material still contains many nutrients and organic matter and can be used as a fertilizer. Bio-gas can also be found in landfill sites. The negative side effects are that the bio-gas can create Hydrogen Sulfide, which is deadly, so as with much of the energy industry caution and care must be a priority.

The sun is the ultimate source of energy and heat for our planet. Solar energy and heat, therefore, are an excellent option for power and heat. The Sun's energy can be captured and used by solar panels. Solar power is becoming ever more popular and affordable, in fact most people have a very good idea what it is (unlike so many other of the options). It is growing at a rate of 30% annually. It is clean and a great alternative to gas and oil. There are also solar powered cars, which are clean and efficient, but that is in the next section.

These are not the only sources of power but they are the most popular and effective as of right now. There are, however, a few other options, such as geothermal heat, tidal energy, ground source heat pumps, and hydrogen fuel cells. If you are interested in any of these or interested in building some of these options (such as your own wind turbine or micro-hydro pump) then you can go to .

Technology has also vastly improved and has delivered us a plethora of options for the future. Options that include new, clean and safe means of transportation. Some examples of fuel efficient, environmentally friendly cars are the Honda Civic Hybrid, and the Toyota Prius. Both run on electricity and gasoline, and go much farther on one liter of gas than conventional cars. There is also the GMC Hy-wire (which is not yet manufactured but in the process) which has no engine, transmission or gas tank. It has a skateboard-like platform, which is 15 centimeters thick and houses the fuel cells, hydrogen tank and all the electronics to power the car (electric motors are placed inside each wheel to get the car moving). Daimler-Chrysler has invented the "Smart," which is made of a recyclable thermoplastic alloy called Xenoy (several times lighter than steel). This helps the car get up to 27 km/L (these are not yet available in Canada or the States). There is also a high-end scooter, called the "Segway." It gets up to 21 km/h and powered by an electric motor that runs on a nickel per day worth of electricity (the scooter itself is worth about \$8,000). Solar cars are vehicles, which use the power of the sun to propel themselves instead of fuel. The sun charges

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a battery inside the car so that the car can keep running in the event of no sunlight. Only 2.2% of the world's energy comes from new renewable inventions, such as small hydroelectric dams, wind, solar and geothermal power motors. In the end you have to ask yourself, what is more important to me? Is it life, others, money, or this planet? These alternatives will help create jobs. Not short term jobs but long term jobs. People can continually work together to create solutions for a better and cleaner planet. There will be a need for inventors, builders, designers, marketers, teach-

ers and more. What can just one insignificant person do? For starters, talk to people about this. Write to the government, research, and read. But most important is starting with yourself. Little things, such as, recycling, wasting less, even something as simple as driving the speed limit (Driving above the speed limit burns more gas than driving within posted limits). By altering your driving behavior, you can reduce both fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions by up to 20%. The future is more a matter of choice than destiny, we should all think globally and act locally.

MASSACRE

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by Diane Carter

"You are all a bunch of feminists and I hate feminists."

These were the words stated by Marc Lepine on Dec. 6, 1989 when he walked into Room number 303. It was the second last day of classes at the Ecole Polytechnique of the University of Montreal. He ordered all of the men to leave and they did so without any protest. He then opened fire on the women, killing several. He traveled the halls in search of female victims and then murdered them in a way that was described as frighteningly calm. This story has no apparent heroes. By the end of the day thirteen people were injured and fourteen killed. All of those murdered

were women. Lepine then committed suicide. He had selected as his victims brilliant young women who were entering into an unconventional field. In the aftermath many people were united in protesting violence against women. A horrific act of brutality such as this continues to call for our respect, and on its anniversary we must also remember all of the individuals who continue to suffer from many forms of violence and abuse each day. We need to work together to foster an atmosphere of tolerance and respect on our campus. Augustana has a Sexual Harrassment policy in place for your protection. Consult the student handbook for more information.

The Possibility of Change

-by Craig Mackie

It seems to me that we have reached a critical point, an impasse, in which we may fall backwards into the complacency of student apathy or we may throw ourselves forward into the troubled waters of change. How did we get here? How do we know we're here? Most importantly, how can we address the change that is necessary and constructive? Allow me to illustrate the blur our critical situation using the recent "Open Forum" between the Board of Regents members and the Students. From my perspective this forum was set up as a sort of happy time to discuss how we can improve the governance of Augustana. The result: a memo, telling students and other gullibles that, "the Board is considering the wide range of important issues that have been brought to their attention." We got a freakish overhead that was supposed to show Augustana's "dire financial situation," as if this was supposed to seduce a greater sense of support for the authority of the Board and this administration's resolve to dismantle the educational values in the name of balanced books. Wave as many A+ auditor's reports that you can get your hands on; I have yet to be convinced that decisions to

withhold contract promises, cut vital programs, hold out payment to the Students Association, are "sound business practices." You've pissed off your employees and your customers are no longer satisfied, what's more, both are threatening to leave you're precious "business" and some of the best have already left. I understand the importance of financially sound decisions but not at the compromise of the very values (QUALITY OF EDUCATION) that we the students, the faculty, the alumni (if I may be so bold) hold as paramount. It is a grievous effort, both for the institution that is founded on the programs we value and for those very programs, to assume that programs and people can be measured in financial terms. How could such decisions take place that are so out of sync with the values of an organization? Well, let me return to the said Forum for an explanation. With considerable effort, some serious eye opening took place on the part of the Board members. That eye opening was, I hope, an indication of just how alienated the Board is from the views (and values) of the students.

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As the US is nearing closer and closer to a war with Iraq, the question that we must ask is, why? The discussion has been focused on the danger of Iraq possessing weapons of mass destruction; and the US's moral obligation to take a policy of pre-emptive action to prevent horrible tragedies in the future. The Hitler/ Saddam comparison is often used as a justification to stop the evil now before it gets carried away. Ritter agrees as much as anyone that Saddam Hussein is one evil bastard. If he is in fact in possession of weapons of mass destruction, there is valid cause for great concern. However, where is the evidence of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction? What becomes of the situation if there are no weapons of mass destruction? Is the simple presumption enough to incite war? Indeed the world has changed since 9/11, especially in the United States. A monumental attack took place on US soil in the heartland of power; somehow the invincible shield was broken, and people have become aware of their vulnerabilities. This is a frightening circumstance to face. A few weeks ago I attended a lecture of Dr. Vamik Volkan, analyzing the psychological effects September 11th is having upon the group identity of the United States. When a group is placed under fear and anxiety there are certain dynamics, which occur as a result. Some of these characteristics include rallying around a leader, loss of individuality, and an "us" vs. "them" mentality. While the current environment in the United States is not an extreme example of this type of group regression, we can agree that these characteristics are present in differing degrees of severity. The current state of affairs has facilitated a condition, cowering people into submission, exploiting the public's fear and ignorance.

Since 1991, the US has had a policy of regime removal of Iraq. September 11th has made the job all the more easy. In all honesty it is not that difficult to demonize Saddam. Saddam is a bad guy. He is a dictator, and he crushes all dissidents brutally. When there is objection to his policies or politics, he not only kills you, but he rapes your wife, your children, burns your house, and kills your aunts and uncles. This is how Saddam has survived over ten

years of crippling sanctions, killing an estimated 350 000 children. Sanctions only work in a democracy, not in a country where evil incarnate calls the shots. Why don't we just assassinate him? Well, for one it would be incredibly difficult because he has one of the most brutally effective security forces in history. Secondly, what would be the moral and ethical implications of such action? Thirdly, how would this destabilize the region, which is already incredibly volatile. The situation is not as black and white as the US government propaganda would like you to believe.

Scott Ritter served as the United Nation's Weapons Inspector to Iraq from 1991 until 1998. In August of ninety-eight he resigned in protest to the US's manipulation of the United Nations inspection teams. Under his management, the disarmament process was very effective. In 95, Iraq admitted their biological and chemical weapons program, and in 96 it admitted its nuclear program. How was this accomplished? By thoroughly examining all leads and squeezing out the information. For example, the UN would investigate a former Soviet state and track down records of fifty missiles being sold to Iraq. Then they would turn to Iraq and ask: "how many missile do you have Mr. Kazahimbibli?" Mr. Kazahimbibli would respond: "Only five, I swear on my hummus!" Then the goes: "Ah, ah, ah, it says here you have fifty." Slowly the procedure clawed away Iraq's reserves, and by 1996 Iraq was 95% disarmed. Since the sanction resolution called for 100% disarmament, complete accuracy, the process continued. This final 5% was very difficult to find, because all existing avenues of investigation had been exhausted, and it wasn't even definite if the 5% even existed. After much unsuccessful investigation, Scott Ritter came up with the idea of observing how the Iraqis reacted to stimuli. For example, he would send a team of forty into a furniture factory, on grounds of a weapons inspection. The point wasn't to actually inspect the factory, but rather to watch what happened, who the Iraqis called, and how they moved. Soon after this process started, the Iraqis objected on grounds that this insulted their sovereignty, and national security. As this was a

valid point, the UN reached an agreement called the Modalities for Sensitive Sites Inspection (MSSI), which entailed that UN could come to a sensitive site with no more than four weapons inspectors. If these four inspectors were led to believe that weapons were being stored, then the UN could return with a full team. This was of no conflict since the point of the mission wasn't actually to inspect, but was to watch the reactions to the inspectors' triggering.

Consequently, the MSSI learned a great deal about how the Iraqis internal security system worked, and the director of the CIA deemed it: "the greatest breakthrough in intelligence since the cold war." It is at this point the problems commenced. Once the United States learned how much data was being gathered on Iraq, suddenly they imposed themselves into controlling the weapons inspections. In March of ninety-eight under orders of Madeline Albright, the MSSI was turned over to the United States. Scott Ritter now answered to the United States rather than to the UN! From the November ninety-seven to August ninety-eight the US manipulated the inspection teams seven times. This transformation of authority was the cause of Ritter's resignation in August 1998. Then in September the US sent in a full inspection team to the Baath Party Headquarters in Baghdad (a sensitive site) on orders to terminate the modalities system. When the inspections team arrived, the Iraqis said that they couldn't enter because they weren't following the MSSI protocol. The US claimed that the Iraqis were non-compliant, and were rejecting weapons inspections. Having gathered what they thought was enough data to remove Saddam, the US used this incident as justification to proceed with Operation Desert Fox.

Thus the US attempted to remove Saddam by way of Desert Fox. The Iraqis figured out what the MSSI operations actually were doing, and has since rejected weapons inspections in Iraq. Since 1998, when Iraq was 95% disarmed there has been no inspectors to Iraq. This leads us to our present situation. Ritter does not claim the fact that Iraq may possess weapons of mass destruction; the probability is low, yet possible. However, a low possibility is not enough to warrant a war against a country were the majority of innocent people are oppressed and kept in submission by a tyrannical dictator. War should be an option, if and only if, every other possible course of action has been exhausted.

Why is the US so fixed on removing Saddam?

The obvious answer is oil. Oil, oil, oil. The current prices of oil are extremely high, almost at the breaking point. Don't kid yourself, when it comes down to the bottom line, the US is not going to war with Iraq for the oppressed of Iraq, universal human rights, or even national security. The US wants to enter Iraq, remove Saddam, establish a "democracy," (by this I mean a puppet regime) thus providing a large, dependable, inexpensive supply of oil to fuel the United States economy. If the issue was solely about human rights, perhaps the first course of action would be to seriously re-examine their sanctions policy. Likewise, if the issue was actually about security, there would be hard and fast evidence of Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction. Show us the evidence! (Considering the scope of this article, I won't even dive into a discussion of the environmental implications of inexpensive fossil fuels, which is another story unto itself.)

What were your first thoughts seeing the world trade centers collapse on television? Twenty minutes after the event, seeing the infamous pictures of the Arab world celebrating in the streets, I was struck with bewilderment. People were celebrating this event, why? What had caused this warped situation? What will happen next? Is it not only these "fundamental Muslims" in the Middle East that are wrong. The US was not entirely innocent, it is their foreign policy, which has created an atmosphere incubating such hate and turmoil. The Western world needs to step outside the tunnel vision, and re-examine this issue from the other side of the spectrum.

What Ritter states as a more frightening predicament, is that this war could be the test case for American Unilateralism. Presently, the United States are incredibly powerful, no one can even come close. If they enter Iraq, they will win, it will be a relatively easy victory. What are the implications of this? Who will be next? Iran, North Korea? The destabilizing effects of American intervention in the Middle East is not the only issue at hand. The most frightening implications of the situation is that it will determine US policy for the next forty or fifty years. If the international community fails to object to unilateral American action today, then the Americans will continue to roll over the UN in the future.

This is not to say that Americans are bad people, nor are they greedy, money-hungry tyrants. Rather, it is a critique of their foreign policy, their international politics, and the hypocrisy of their "so-called democracy." The formation of the United States was facilitated through a revolution against imperialism, now they are embodying what they once fought

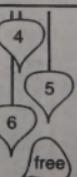
against.

We must not forget the complexity of such an issue. It is not black and white, and not all circumstances of war can be argued against. If there is concrete evidence of weapons of mass destruction, the picture changes drastically. If the international community decides that Iraq is a threat to international security and acts multilaterally, this too alters the dynamics of the situation. However, as it stands, the US is bullying the world, (Canada included) into following their wishes, and their policy of Iraqi regime removal. We need to take a stand against American Imperialism, as it has dire long-term consequences.

Remembrance Day

By Tara Underhill
Nov 11th, 1919, was originally Armistice Day, the same day that one year previous, the First World War "to end all wars" was over. The year 1931 was, when it was officially called Remembrance Day, (when they officially changed Thanksgiving), and is celebrated at eleven o'clock of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Over 66,000 Canadians died in WWI, many of those people were considered missing and have no gravestone. Inscribed on memorials in different parts of Europe, such as The Canadian National Vimy Memorial in France, have the names of those missing. Carved into the memorial, at the base are the words, "To the valour of their countrymen in the Great War, and in memory of their sixty thousand dead this monument is raised by the people of Canada." The Second World War began in 1939 and ended in 1945. Due to the advances in technology, this war was more destructive than the first. Whereas in the First World War, there were actual cavalry units, this war used submarines, tanks and hydrogen bombs to fight. Forty-five thousand Canadians died and another 55,000 were wounded. The facts are important, but they can be read about in every history textbook and monument. What a person cannot gain from those facts is what being part of a war actually feels like. True comprehension of war cannot be achieved until we have actually heard a gunshot ringing through our ears, or felt the fear of death in some way, shape, or form. Our generation definitely tries to understand the best that we can. We watch Band of Brothers, Windtalkers, and other movies made about war. They are usually based on real stories from soldiers that have been in the wars, and are set up to be as factual as possible. Honestly, people should hope that seeing it on television is the closest that they ever get to a real war. With technology today, countries can cause more destruction than ever before, and kill more people than before. We can only hope that we never have to learn the hard lessons that they did.

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CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

- by Sau Jay

Christmas is here! Have you started making demands of what you want for Christmas? Have you started being nice to those relatives and close friends so that they do not forget you on their Christmas list? Are you doing odd jobs to attain enough money to shop for that huge family of yours? Better yet, are you, like most of us waiting for Boxing Day Sales? Well then, I think it is fair enough to say that for most of us, the Christmas period turns out to be a very stressful time both financially and energy wise! Nonetheless in the midst of that stress just remember that Christ was born for you

to comfort and relax you even when you cannot think of that gift to bestow a beloved. Because of his sacrifice to die for us that we may have eternal life, we in turn sacrifice the little and the lots we have to share with others who mean the world to us. So whenever you cringed about how much shopping you have to do or what to get someone, remember that its just a token of love and appreciation and the right gift will come to mind. Sharing in love is the greatest thing one could do for any individual and it has great impact for both the giver and recipient! Have a lovely Christmas!

("Christ doesn't sell Coke" - see "Mystic," p20-od)

This here is one of them disclaimer type things for all those lawyer type who want to sue us for puttin' improper stuff in the Dag. Screw off, we just print 'em we don't actually believe em, fools! This section of the Dag is the intellectual Thunder Dome so take off the gloves and pick up that lead pipe...no holds barred.

The Spiritual Void of Christmas

by Joanne Brownlee

Ah, Christmas season 'tis upon us. The malls are jammed and the TV has images of dollar signs and the coolest toys dancing around our heads like sugar plum fairies. Christmas seems to be about bigger, bigger faster and the almighty dollar. But is it really? C. S. Lewis said that we have a "God-shaped hole." Each and every human being has needs and a hole that is shaped to a specific need, like an enzyme to a molecule. We try to fit things into this God-shaped hole to fill our need. Material items, food, money, sex, but none of things

really satisfy our need. The only type of key that fits in that hole is something that cannot be measured and yet is part of our reality and the dilemma of being human. Religion in mainstream society is pushed to the sides in the name of political correctness and the fear of offending someone. Yet religion is important to many people. Political correctness and commercialism are the new religions of the day, but these don't have the proper keys to fit into that God-shaped hole and satisfy our craving for something bigger than our lives lived out in our niches here on Earth. What I'm talking about in a

them at gun point (though the threat of gun point is sometimes more useful). We can't piss too many people off so that they won't listen to us. My fear is that we will not reach any semblance of the vernacular change, at which point no effort to change anything that there ACTUALLY IS A PROBLEM, let alone look for answers, will succeed. I have yet to be convinced of the authenticity of any statement of consideration that there needs to be change on the part of this administration or this Board. I beg you, prove me wrong.

Now, it would be redundant of me to say that I believe this issue should be taken seriously. Redundant I will be: this issue needs to be taken seriously by all members of our Augustana community. My

sense is the desacrilization of our world. We see things in terms of dollars signs and efficiency in the name of economics. If we believed that everything is sacred then perhaps we would hesitate in chopping down those trees and stripping mining the land or better yet, place a nuclear power plant on a fault land. I am not suggesting that humanity all unite under one unifying religious philosophy. Instead of pushing religion to the side, the spiritual should be honoured. Humanity is a rainbow and diversity is the norm. Everyone is a little different from everyone else, providing a unique and rich blend.

hope, and let me say that it is a glimmering hope, lies in the direction this Board has chosen to take. I am optimistic in the new course of action available in the unprecedeted opportunity to speak with Board members on the Student-Board Liaison committee. As a student, I see this action as an entirely progressive chance to enter into the discussion of the possibility and necessity of change. All of us, myself included, need to be open to derive to be constructive. Leonard Cohen once wrote: "There is a crack in everything; that's how the light gets in." If this light I have just shown is offensive I feel it had to be; it is the light of urgency, not disdain. No one knows the nature of our situation completely. May we work together to reach a constructive final destination.

The Possibility of Change, continued from pg. 4

- by Craig Mackie

One point that needed to be made to the Board members is that it appears that we can no longer trust our administration to inform the Board in order to make the right choices. This is indicative of "the system," to which this administration is inseparable. To approach change you, of course, must first realize that something is wrong. Under the auspice of a "brain storming session" in order to find "the answers to our problems" precludes the very notion that shit, we (both students and Board members) don't even have a clear grasp

of what the problem is. The very fact that students were saying things that utterly astounded Board members, not only in the nature of student distrust and (again if I may be so bold) plummeting prof moral, but in the form of general knowledge (like withheld hockey scholarships and the values students place in certain programs and class size), indicates to me the very problem we are trying to grasp: THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS SYSTEM. This problem could range from communication deficits to a genuine flaw in the structure

of Augustana governance. That is something we must ultimately examine: profs, students, admin, staff, alum, Board, everyone. How do you change the opinion of those in hegemonic power? If such a change were to call into question their very institution of power then you have a really tough sell. Above all, I do not want to have to force this system to change through some drastic action (that may seem as symbolic to some but, I assure, are only symbolic in so far as they represent a desperate attempt to scream the language of change), it is far more constructive to talk one on one with someone than to hold

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Profit Before People

- by Andrea Godzuk

On the morning of November 20, Campus Ministry was informed that the University Pastor position would continue to be a part time position for the 2003-2004 academic year. Reason being once again of the critical financial situation that Augustana is currently in. So naturally as a student chaplain for Campus Ministry, I was upset when we were told of this decision made by the administration and the Board of Regents. The part that made me the most upset was that Robyn Simpson Mohr, Assistant Minister to Campus Ministry, or Pastor John Anderson, the hearts behind Campus Ministry, were not consulted at all in this decision. I also found it ironic that same week we received letters from the mission statement review committee stating Augustana's mission statement. A few key phrases stuck out to me: "Augustana University College is a liberal arts and sciences university of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. This university is a community where, in the tradition of Lutheran higher education, the Christian faith and free academic inquiry coexist in creative tension. The mission of Augustana University College is to prepare women and men intellectually, morally, and spiritually for leadership and

service in church and society, liberating and inspiring them with the Christ-like model of the leader as servant." A university stating to prepare women and men spiritually for leadership in church with the Christ-like model of the leader as a servant is cutting the main ministry that does just that. University is more than just what goes on in the classrooms. It is about building relationships, becoming involved in what the school offers. Campus Ministry is more than just daily chapels. It is a ministry of support and counseling. It is a place of faith, learning with the heart, and making that spiritual connection. It is a full time job. Pastor John, the current part time pastor is doing an incredible job filling the shoes of Pastor Lyle. But it is not fair to hold back ones gifts and talents with a part time position. The administration and the Board of Regents really need to stop and think what they are trying to promote. If they are still trying to push forward in what they say in their mission statement, they should really reconsider their decision of a part time pastor. All the programs outside of the classroom including Campus Ministry are what makes this university unique and what appeals to prospective students. It is time that the people that make the decisions of this school put people before profit.

Board of Regents

- by Diane Carter

Diane I have heard that if you put a frog in a pot of water, and warm it up gradually enough, he will cook to death without even realizing that he has the option of jumping to safety. Initially, the pot provides a form of refuge, the water is clean, he likes it there. The pot becomes his home. But over the course of time, someone turns on the burner upon which the pot sits. The frog has come to know his surroundings, and although they are progressively worsening, the thought of making a decisive change to his situation is daunting. He does not know what awaits him outside of the pot ~~if~~ there he will be faced with an entirely new set of problems. It may be better or worse, that is undefined. Only one thing is certain: he has heard rumor of other frogs who have ignored the changing temperature in their homes, and before they knew it, their brains had been damaged by the heat in such a way that they could no longer move. They had ignored the instinct that told them there was something wrong, a kind of something that they could do something about. They had waited until it was too late to act. The frog needs to think quickly and choose between certain death, and an uncertain future. Lately I have been feeling a lot like my amphibian friend. I have sensed growing tensions on campus, seen the effects of "fiscal responsibility" on my fellow students and myself. The institution that has been my home for the past three years is changing in ways that I do not appreciate. I understand the administration's need to do something to address our financial situation. My concern is that the steps that are being taken appear to have been done without due consultation. Morale is very low.

Both students and faculty appear to be at the breaking point. I was in attendance at the forum with the Board of Regents on Saturday November 23, and the scene I witnessed there was one of division. There were approximately forty students in attendance, representing diverse segments of the student population. In my eyes, we were divided into two distinct groups: those who wanted to work within the system, and those who wanted to start a revolution. The first group was happy to have been given an opportunity to even speak to the members of the board, and saw the meeting as a step in the right direction. The other group felt that the system as a whole is inherently flawed, and believed the meeting was only a way of pacifying dissenting voices. The first group wanted to go along with the format dictated by the Board (speaking in small groups one on one with representatives), while the second group wanted to commit an act of symbolic defiance by challenging the prescribed format and changing it to a panel discussion. To add to the mix, students were told that the faculty had chosen to not attend, but one minute into the introductory remarks, fifty faculty members marched in and stood forming a straight, silent line of resistance. There we were, students against students against faculty against the board. It seems to me that a battle began that day, and I felt myself drawn into the thick of it with some alliances, much confusion, and an overwhelming sense of injustice. The discussions proceeded as the Board had planned, the communication apparently begun, and the meeting was over before we were able to give more than a cursory glance at the issues on the table. Were our voices heard? Will anything come of

that meeting other than a very well edited memo delivered to your mailbox on some future date? Where do we go from here? Should we be working within the system or proposing a new governance model entirely? Those are difficult questions that I don't have the answers to. But I know that the only certain way of arriving at them is through actively engaging ourselves in the process of finding solutions. Argue, discuss, mediate, yell, cry, laugh hysterically at the irony of it all. Do whatever you need to do. Just be involved. If you don't like the direction that this institution is taking do something about it. If you think that we are doing just fine, express that as well. Use all that is available to you for sharing your ideas — this newspaper, the radio, and most importantly the Student's Association. The SA is your voice. We need to present ourselves in a unified, professional manner if we want to make effective change. In the same instant we also need to be passionate, determined, and courageous. This requires a meeting of minds and a combination of forces. The task at hand is not an easy one. We will need to have great determination. We will be faced with new and diverse problems. We can not successfully accomplish anything if we are divided into factions at the outset of conflict. The time to choose is now. Do you want to sit idly by and wait for the problems at Augustana to accumulate until it is too late or are you willing to jump into something that is new, frightening, and potentially incredible? Activists and hope are very alive forces pulsating through the spirit of this student body. Through our actions we will choose to either assert these powers or allow them to fade and die.

Building Deterioration 'Very Urgent': AUC President Husfloen speaks post-Board of Regents

- by Matthew Hebert

In wide-ranging interview with the DAG after the Board of Regents meetings, Augustana President Richard Husfloen said that deteriorating buildings "affect the quality of the operation". Augustana's mortgage holders have advised the school that they are concerned with the fact that close to \$2.5 million in maintenance needs to be done to properties. Most urgent are the roofs of the Faith and Life Center and Convocation Hall. It extends to cafeteria equipment, fume hoods in science labs and a "long list of deferred maintenance." "There is no choice in repairing the roofs. But there are no reserves to cover the costs," said Husfloen.

Husfloen also said that there

will be meeting shortly with official from the Ministry of Learning to discuss funding issues. When asked about greater public involvement, Husfloen said that Augustana is open "to exploring the public option for long and strong funding arrangements.

Husfloen would not comment on ongoing issues related to faculty.

In relation to concerns of students about the location of Board of Regent reps, Husfloen said that "student issues are no different than those in Camrose or Thunder Bay." (Note: Board Chair Jackie Dojjack is from Thunder Bay.) He added that Board members would like to meet with students again.

Forum Antics

- by Krista Piebiak

The Open Forum with the Board was an opportunity that has never been available before. The past environment and relationship with the board has not allowed for any type of communication and interaction between students and the Board of Regents. It was in the spirit of communication that this forum was approached. The Board, who has no dealings with the students and does not know them in any way, felt that they would be most comfortable in round table discussions. I, and the Students' Council Executive, understand where the students were coming from - they wanted answers to their questions. The method in which the students present chose to approach the issue was not appropriate. The Board was antagonized and attacked and ready to leave

Liaison Committee

Hey, Everyone!

Out of the Board of Regents meeting did come some good news. The Student Body now has a chance to directly talk to the board at regular intervals. A Liason committee has been set up between 2 and 3 board

members and approximately 6 students. If you are interested in being involved and feel you represent a portion of the student body or just want some more information, please contact Krista Piebiak. You can

contact her by phoning 679-1584. A cross-section of the entire campus should be represented at these meetings. Selection of students will be made in January, as the first meeting is in February.

BEING TWENTY - SOMETHING

- Anonymous

They call it the "Quarter-life Crisis." It is when you stop going along with the crowd and start realizing that there are many things about yourself that you didn't know and may not like. You start feeling insecure and wonder where you will be in a year or two, but then get scared because you barely know where you are now. You start realizing that people are selfish and that, maybe, those friends that you thought were so close to aren't exactly the greatest people you have ever met, and the people you have lost touch with are some of the most important ones. What you don't recognize is that they are realizing that too, and aren't really cold, catty, mean or insincere, but that they are as confused as you. You look at your job... and it is not even close to what you thought you would be doing, or maybe you are looking for a job and realizing that you are going to have to start at the bottom and that scares you. Your opinions have gotten stronger. You see what others are doing and find yourself judging more than usual because suddenly you realize that you have certain boundaries in your life and are constantly adding things to your list of what is acceptable and what isn't. One minute, you are insecure and then the next, secure. You laugh and cry with the

greatest force of your life. You feel alone and scared and confused. Suddenly, change is the enemy and you try and cling on to the past with dear life, but soon realize that the past is drifting further and further away, and there is nothing to do but stay where you are or move forward. You get your heart broken and wonder how someone you loved could do such damage to you. Or you lie in bed and wonder why you can't meet anyone decent enough that you want to get to know better. Or maybe you love someone but love someone else too and cannot figure out why you are doing this because you know that you aren't a bad person. One night stands and random hook ups start to look cheap. Getting wasted and acting like an idiot starts to look pathetic. You go through the same emotions and questions over and over, and talk with your friends about the same topics because you cannot seem to make a decision. You worry about loans, money, the future and making a life for yourself... and while winning the race would be great, right now you'd just like to be a contender! What you may not realize is that everyone reading this relates to it. We are in our best of times and our worst of times, trying as hard as we can to figure this whole thing out.

(Being 21, from the words of Beck : "Bad shit happens to everyone, it's called life." -ed)

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WANTED:**Students Dead or Alive**

by Victoria Eremita

As I look around me at my fellow students, I am inspired by the sparkle of enthusiasm in their eyes, and I am reminded why I love this time of year so much. In anticipation of the end of term, Augustana is like a big bee hive, buzzing with the activity of all those little *drones*. I can't tell you how motivating it is for me, with all the tons of work I have yet to do, to see the chipper faces of students and faculty every day, to see how eager they are to reach the pinnacle of yet another successful, *scintillating* semester of personal edification and institutional excellence. After all, we are approaching final exams, the time when students revel in their hard-earned accomplishments, rewarded for their diligence and idealistic passion with a sense of a job well done.

The other day I was talking to a friend of mine, who happens to be a lawyer for one of those huge multi-national corporations with a trillion dollar budget and a callous disregard for the poverty-stricken children of the Third World who work in its factories, and he said to me,

"How on earth do you keep from becoming an utter *cynic*, after four years of post-secondary education?"

Shocked, I replied,

"Me? What do I have to be cynical about?!! There's never been a better time to be a university student. You know, a hundred years ago, I probably wouldn't have even gone to college, being a woman and all. But thanks to the radical democratization of North American society, I now enjoy the *privilege* of higher education. Yeah, back in the day when only rich white boys in ties and jackets graced the hallowed halls of academia, they, like, read Latin and Greek and stuff, and, like, actually had to be smart and, like, use big

words. But today, we all get to go to college - it's *totally* our human right - and we don't even really have to learn anything. I mean, I guess you can if you want to, but really, as long as you pay tuition, your professors will at least give you a passing grade. Me - cynical? Yeah right. It's great - it's like at a restaurant: the customer is always right, and I'm, like, the customer!"

Well, let me tell you, my money-grubbing lawyer friend sure was impressed. This little conversation, combined with the aforementioned atmosphere of intellectual fervour, prompted me to some serious reflection about my educational *privilege*.

To start with, there

is the sheer volume of information at my disposal. Information which, if I really want to succeed, I will work hard at cramming into my little brain so that I can regurgitate lists of unrelated facts and meaningless jargon that have nothing whatever to do with anybody's life. My professors don't agree with each other on the whys and whereabouts, and we all know it's best just to let sleeping dogs lie, so they don't actually expect me to think about the really tough questions - like why the @#\$% we're even learning this @#%! It kinda takes the pressure off. None of those boring, silly things that the rich white boys had to waste their time with, like (titter titter) the meaning of life or (phew) the nature of truth. We're totally *free* to talk about everything else, though, no matter how useless or banal. They say it's because we no longer believe in a "meta-narrative". I say, hell, whatever works. Whatever gets me out of the job of having to put it all together, so at the end of the day, I can just sit my ass in the front of the t.v. because nothing really matters anyway. Because I'm SO-PHISTICATED and cultur-ally SAVVY.

And after all, we're too busy getting primed and groomed and ready to rake in some serious cash after graduation. As for me, I'm going for the big leagues. Next year: graduate school, where my primary research goal is to generate as much useless information as possible, to do my own special part to keep the academic machine greased up and ready to do absolutely nothing in the real world. After that, I plan on landing the only remaining tenured-track position available on the entire planet. It'll be tough, but I figure if I publish approximately 2.6 articles per day in academic journals that no one reads (starting now), I'll get my stock up high enough to attract interested buyers - er, I mean, employers.

Whew. What prospects. I hope no one finds my youthful idealism too naive. As I said, there's never been a better time to be a university student. That explains the *vitality* and the *passion* of Augustana students. They're learnin' and they're lovin' it. I'm telling you, it's an intellectual hotbed around here. But really, the ones who make it all possible, the ones who provide strong institutional leadership and spiritual guidance, steering the Augustana ship toward new horizons of academic excellence - that's right - it's the members of our beloved administration. It's because they care, they *really care*. Why, just the other day, President Husfloen, in a noble attempt to raise funds for our diminished coffers, put ads in the *Booster* and the *Canadian*. They're pretty catchy: *Have you been lobotomized? Are you braindead, and looking for a school to call your own? Or even completely dead, with really good life insurance?* Well, then *Augustana's the place for you!* *We take anyone - ANYONE - as long as you're willing to fork over the cash, have we got a diploma for you!* Register today!

Campus Min News

-by Robb

Well, here we are once again for yet another chapter in the epic story that is Campus Min. Before getting started, I must make a disclaimer: I somehow lost my Thesaurus, which makes ascribing snappy nicknames to my fellow student chaplains a bit more difficult. Having searched high and low, the best I can do is my atlas. Sorry in advance. Those who have discovered the means to defy the laws of time and space may want to attend **JAM on Oct 18** or go to the **Bissel Centre on November 24** with Susie "Salzburg" Bruneau. While you're at it, how about attending the **Nov. 21 chapel service** (student attendance: one), and sign up for my now-defunct small group! In our ongoing effort to improve the world and help spread joy and hope while maintaining the obligatory 5.0 GPA, Campus Min is organising a campaign to gather presents and toiletries for Edmonton's needy in the inner city. The **Stuffed Socks for the Inner City** endeavour will be going on until December 6. Those interested can stuff gifts in a pair of warm, winter socks and drop them off at the **Campus Min office (F216/219)** or under the **Jesse Tree**, which will soon be making its appearance in the **Faith & Life Lounge**. For more info,

see our "ads" in this very issue of the Dag! Also on Dec. 6, we will have a **memorial service for the victims of L'école Polytechnique massacre** in 1989. It'll be in the Chapel at 10:00a.m., and is a part Augustana's effort to commemorate the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Anyone feeling nostalgic for Koinonia Week will be as pleased as punch to hear that Campus Min will once again serve **hot wassail on Dec 13 in the Convocation Centre for St. Lucia Day**. We're going to throw in some fresh stolen (fruit bread prepared by friends, not something illegally obtained), so be sure to stop by on your way to your exams! Our efforts to organise a **trip to the federal prison in Edmonton** are taking almost as long as it does to serve a term there. We should be going there in five to ten. In a combination of talent and ability that is sure to be historic, Derek "Djibouti" Kilbourn will be teaming up with me on Nov. 28 at 6:00p.m. in the Chapel to poll the campus on what sort of small group you would be interested in (I'll be apprenticing with Mr. Kilbourn, who has captained several small groups to staggering heights of success. I, on the other hand, wasn't quite as fortuitous in my own

attempt to form a small group. Guess how many people signed up for my group. Go ahead. Nope, higher. Higher. Even higher than that. Come on, guess a number with six figures. Now multiply it by zero. That's right, ZERO! But don't worry, once I'm teamed up with the best, who knows what we'll accomplish?). Come let us know what you would like to do! And don't forget to check the **Campus Min bulletin board** outside of Chapel for news on the other splendid groups currently in progress!

Looking ahead to the

New Year and past failures to keep my resolutions, we would like to invite you in advance to participate in the **Epiphany Service on Monday, January 6**. Come to the chapel at 7:00 p.m. and celebrate "Christ with us" with candles and carols! Aspiring readers, servers and singers are welcome to volunteer for the service at F216/219 or can call Robyn "Reykjavik" Simpson Mohr at 679-1536.

I can hear this column's theme music starting, so it must be time to sign off. Good luck with your exams, and may you have a blessed Christmas! And don't forget to take a little time to remember what it's all about; Jesus is the reason for the season, after all. Think beyond the presents and the guy in red suit! God bless!

Stuffed Socks for the Inner City!!!!

Want to help the needy this Christmas? Buy a pair of warm winter socks, stuff gifts in a sock and tie a ribbon around it! Gift socks for children, women and men are needed. Donations of food items are also welcome! Please drop by the Campus Min Office (F216/219) or the Chapel Bulletin Board to see the list of requested items!

Bring completed socks to the Jesse Tree in the Faith and Life Lounge!

What do you want from Campus Ministry?

Campus Min is forming a new small group being led by Derek Kilbourn and Robb Bowick. The whole point of this group, to find out what you, the rest of the student community would like to see from Campus Min. Got problems with Campus Min as it is now? Want to see some other things done. Have aspirations of being on Campus Min in future years and want to get a head start on helping out? Keep a look out for posters on the Campus Min bulletin board and around campus for when the first meeting will be. That or just talk to us. We're usually found hanging around the chapel Mon, Wed, Fri from 10 am to 10:30-ish and Tues, Thurs around 5 pm.

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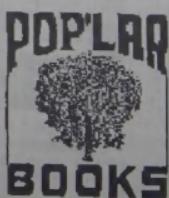
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Wisdom of The Ages



Oh gee, those young fool hardy students, when will they learn? What better gift to give to students than infinite life wisdom. In pursuit of such a timely gift, the Dag went a knockin' on the doors and tappin' on the shoulders of our very own team of Yodas. This is what we, er, received. Now, in lieu of the exam season and final marks, I propose that students maintain perspective on (what for some) is a rather dark and perilous time. Here, in the very words to follow, would I (trans)plant our fledgling trees of knowledge and let blossom their sprouts in the light of new found wisdom. Of course, you can take these remarks of inspiration that may seem to be beyond the ken of simple studenthood as literally as you like. I, personally, will cut them up and give them, along with a poster of "Santa Dick," to my dearest and most cherished friends in little hand made ornamented boxes. Thank you profs, (tear) for all you've done for us. You are so giving. For some comments I will give a brief interpretation, others stand alone, while others are, well, beyond interpretation.

Craig Ferguson, response to question about exam

writing strategies: "Find whatever works for you, you need to have 'test witness.' It's possible to exploit poorly written exams, just don't freak out." -is "witnesses" a word. I like the other stuff though...

Dawn Schooler jumps right into the philosophy of exam writing: "You have to have confidence in what you know. Everyone knows something, you just have to trust yourself... (now giving advice to profs preparing the exams)... I had a university prof who said that exams should be opportunities for students to share with us what they know, not to trick them into showing us what they don't know."

-everyone does know something, she right. I would suggest...

- by Craig Mackie
gest, and it really is just my HUMBLE opinion, that those in Dawn's class just write on what they know, yes, you know something.



Paul Harland, and I quote these original words: "Don't waste your time on being someone else- do everything you can to find the person that only you can uniquely be." -who knew?

Hey profs, listen to Dawn, please.

For all those who show symptoms of ADD:
Jack Waschenfelder: "go for one hell of a long run so you can tire yourself out enough so that you can sit for two or three hours and study."

Onto some less specific (but equally exam savvy) LIFE WISDOM...

David Dabischnick: "Follow your bliss. Joseph Campbell said that."

Glen Hvenegard: "Study hard, play hard, have fun. No one says 'I wish I spent more time at the office,' they say, 'I wish I spent more time with friends and family.'"

"I wish I spent more time getting my degree at Augustana..."

Paula Marentette: "Oh Crap. (Hand on mouth thinking if I'll publish that, which I did...) Value your BRAIN!"

-now, this needs some explanation. Paula, while dispensing other words of wisdom in one of her more animated rant's about who knows what (something about psychology I'm pretty sure), let this statement go for which she is trying compensate in her actual "words of wisdom". "I don't care what drugs you take I just want to tell you what's going on in your brain when you take them." (And I published that too.) I think it had something to do with her attempts to teach intro students about drugs, though, one can never tell with Paula...

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*Hey there little student, come sit on
Santa Dick's knee!*

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- more power for the Board of Regents and the Administration
- a women's hockey team
- bells for our bell tower
- some new material to make fun of our administration
- a permanent Pastor (or Rabbi, or Jack Kerouac, or Santa, or Harry Krishna, or Buddha)
- a forum for our profs with the Board
- a computer for our dandy newspaper
- a new Library five years ago
- another Trans-Alta building instead of our

Yoda: "Waste not your time on being someone else... everything do, you can, to find person that you can only uniquely be."

Gary Snydmler: "Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it!" -Thanks coach!

Yvonne Becker: "Keep at it."

-Life? What? Oh, I get it.

Tom Baeteman: "Keep your stick on the ice."

-yup.

Ingrid Urberg: "If you have a dream follow it. It will lead you down the right path." (An old Norwegian saying) -good old Norwegians.

Stacy Lorenz: no response... complete befuddlement... -once again, quoting your prof in final papers and exams is sure to get you brownie points if nothing else. Mimicry is the highest form of respect.

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BUY NOTHING CHRISTMAS!!

-by Jenny Lyseng

BUY NOTHING CHRISTMAS??? Don't you roll your eyes at me - I'm NOT gonna rant at you about consumerism and over consumption and the true meaning of Christmas. I could, mind you, and boy do I want to. But I won't. You've heard all that jazz anyway. But, you are a college student, right? And I don't mean to stereotype here, but that generally means that you have to show some fiscal restraint. So have some fun with it! Here are just a few ideas for homemade Christmas gifts that are absolutely gold - and remember, sloppy often equals heartfelt. Some things to remember: Parents and Grandparents are simple, cause they love you and want you to love them. The key is: do anything for them that'll remind them of a time when they were happy. (i.e. before your arrival, or before you hit puberty). In fact, this works for friends, too. A concrete reminder of what fun you've had will be treasured.

1. Get photos of your ma and pa (or grandparents, but this one's trickier) before you showed up. Ask their friends or parents for help. Make a collage or scrapbook and then Christmas morn, have them

go through the photos with you and fill in the stories. It MAY bore the crap out of you, but they'll dig it and you owe them.

2. Start writing a collection of early memories that you have with them. Write them a letter (show off those mad English skills you've learned from 101 and 102) outlining some good times you've had, tell them what you like about them and how much they mean to you. If you type or write it up real purty, I'm betting it'll get framed, or at least kept in an office drawer for easy access when feeling low.

3. Frame a cutesy photo of your family or you and your friends from years past along with a blurb or poem or whatever pointing out how great y'all are.

I know these sound all artsy and effete, but I must stress here that these DON'T HAVE TO BE "GOOD". Just like the people close to you know you're broke, if you're not artistically inclined, they know it. They'll appreciate the effort, and you can share a laugh at your expense!

4. Utilize whatever unique talents you possess! (or what your parents/friends like

about you - indulge them, it's Christmas!) If you're a basketball star, frame a photo of you slam-dunking (make sure to autograph it)...If you're scientifically minded, geek out with it, man!! A sense of humour and humility is an asset. I'm picturing a card with an amoeba splitting (that is how they reproduce, kinda right?) and then on the inside, write ""I miss you, mom and dad, since I split.""

Part of the point of all this is that you don't have to BUY people something that they really want. Chances are, you'll be off by a little anyway, and unless you're rich and they're not, they can do a better job of this for themselves. Instead, try to turn gift giving into a celebration of the person you're giving to and your relationship with them! This is one of the only times of the year when you can be unabashedly excited! When even a cynic like me can use exclamation points without feeling the urge to jump off a bridge! So take the time to think about the people you love and let them know it!

With some enthusiasm, damn it!!!!

Buy Nothing Christmas Event!!!

Here's the deally...

We're collecting clothes and any stuff that people don't want or think that someone else could use more than themselves. Then, people are invited to come and chose things that they would like or could use from the things we collect. The idea is to share and enrich other people's lives with what we already have. In partaking in such an exchange we recognize that this time of year is not about buying stuff nor is life ever about buying stuff. It's about enjoying family, friends, oppression by your administration, and not being controlled by the capitalist economic machine that we live under (was that a bit extreme?). Anyway, we just want to have fun and live out side the box. Even if you don't donate, come and get some free stuff...

Bring stuff like old music (albums), clothing, kitchen utensils, sports equipment, road signs...whatever you don't use that you think could be useful to someone else.

Bring to: SA office up until the actual exchange.

Exchange When: Thursday, December 5, 12-4

Where: Faith and Life lounge

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Sangkor in Perfect Harmony

- by Erin Thompson

Sangkor is off to another great start this year. During the past three months we've been busy getting to know each other, and of course, singing. We began with a group of girls with varying levels of singing experience, ranging from people new to the scene to seasoned veterans. Our first performance of the semester was on November 23 at the Festival of Trees. It took a lot of fine-tuning to get our repertoire of songs ready. If you missed us, hopefully you caught us at the Festival Lessons and Carols on November 30 at December 1.

We have chosen our executive that will serve the choir throughout the 2002-2003 academic year. Our president is Chelsea Thompson. The position of treasurer is held by Melissa Avdeef. Adriana Brehm and Mirandu Boistad act as our librarian and is in charge of all new sheet music. The social committee, which has been busy trying to get us all together, is headed by Rachel Schneider, Mandi Brade and

Tanya Thompson. Publicity is handled by Erin Thompson. We try to meet at least once a week.

Our executive is working on a number of things, including to identify Sangkor members, so we are recognized as a group on campus. It has taken us a while to get organized, but we had a social event on November 17. Those who could make it got together for a relaxed afternoon to get to know each other better. One of the events we're really looking forward to is Christmas caroling at one of the Senior Citizen's homes. We're hoping we can get enough of us together to do some new songs, as well as the old favorites. A website is also currently under construction. We'll update you when it's ready.

If you're interested in joining us, you're welcome to sign up for the winter term. We'll meet Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30s to 11:20. We can always use a few more voices.

My name is Andrea. I am a player.

- by Andrea Godziuk

"All the world's a stage,
And all men and women merely
players;
They have their exits and their
entrances.
And one man in his time plays
many parts" -

- William Shakespeare -

I am a Queen. I am a lady of the court. I am a woman struggling with heterosexuality and lesbianism. I am a little girl named Karen. I am transcended into another world: to Greece, New York and back to Camrose all in one night. The possibilities are endless. I am an actor.

Often, drama majors are looked at as the "slackers," the ones who take all the "easy" courses. We have really no direction in life, so we take drama. For me, drama is my passion, just like biology is another student passion. While a biology student gets excited about studying plants and biodiversity, I get excited about performing. Having people come to watch me entertain and educate them for an evening is a high. Having all eyes on me when I deliver my line is an indescribable feeling. Having an audience give the cast a standing ovation in appreciation for our performance is moving. It stirs an emotion from within.

(biology is not my passion -ed)

The feeling of exhaustion after a show or rehearsal is well worth it. But theatre isn't just about the final product. It is a long process that takes up a lot of time and energy. It is about trying new techniques over and over again. It is about becoming someone else. Developing a personality and relationships with others. I am not Andrea Godziuk when I am on stage. I am completely someone else, and that is where the work comes in. Theatre is a lot of analyzing. For the production of *The Love of the Nightingale*, for a week and a half, we analyzed every line in the script. Tried to understand what our characters were saying and why they were saying it. A long but much needed process when trying to become another person.

I somewhat want to emphasize the statement that I made earlier of that putting on a production takes up a lot of time and energy. Being in a play isn't just about acting. Most plays usually have different crews that are in charge of different areas of the play. Set crew, publicity crew, costume crew, technical crew, etc. Here at Augustana, everyone in the play is the crew. As a company we are also required to help build and paint the set, sew costumes, hang set lights, and whatever else needs to be done. Most of that work was done outside of scheduled rehearsals. The theatre becomes a second home to a lot of the company. Life outside of the production is put on hold. For *The Love of the Nightingale*, we had rehearsals Monday, Wednesday, Friday, with some Saturday and Sunday rehearsals for the months of September and October. Rehearsals went from anywhere from one hour to 4 hours. In November we had rehearsals every night

for three to four hours. When the play opened on November 14, we had had one day free of rehearsals. I am not complaining for how much time I spent in the theatre. I just want people to be aware of how much time and energy it takes to be in a production. For me I put in one hundred and thirty one hours into the play. Only sixteen of those hours were helping outside of scheduled rehearsals. But in the end it is worth it. When people come up to you who you don't even know and tell you how much they appreciated they play, and thank you, it is worth it. To hear that a person threw a snowball at an actor after the show because she was upset by what his character did in the play, it is worth it. To hear people crying, laughing, and cringing in their seats because of an action on stage, it is worth it. To develop a tight knit theatre family, it is worth it.

To finish the play is kind of bitter sweet. Sweet in that we now have time to catch up in all our other classes and have some kind of a life that is not in the theatre, but bitter in that we put in all that hard work and it is over in eight performances. Bitter in that I don't get to see my theatre family everyday. Just as the show must go on, so does life. I want to thank all that came to support local theatre. Your presence was greatly appreciated. And to my entire Nightingale brothers and sisters: thank-you.

If you have never been in a drama class or play, I encourage you to sign up or attend. Here at Augustana we are fortunate to have two amazing professors who are dedicated to the art. You will be surprised at what you learn. Transcend into that other world...you won't regret it.

Christmas with Encore

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Augustana Takes on the World University Games

Six of Augustana's finest are going to launch themselves into the international sporting spotlight this January. Craig Ferguson will lead four of our Vikings, Jamie Masters, Mike McKinney, Roddy Ward and Chris Haldorson, who will comprise one third of Canada's World University Games Biathlon team, to Tarvisio, Italy for the 21st Universiade World Games. Andy Haller, also a budding young Augustana athlete, will represent Great Britain as their sole Biathlon superstar at the Games. This will be the third World University Games for coach Ferguson and the second for Chris Haldorson. Jamie, Chris and Andy have international race experience at the European Cup and World Junior Championship level, and Mike and Roddy have some high caliber North American Race experience. These games provide vital exposure to international competition where young up-and-coming athletes can test their skills against World Cup and Olympic competitors. As a multi-sport event (ten sports from speed skating to snow boarding) it has all the pomp and hype of the Olympics as well as a seriously fun atmosphere in which young athletes can see the world and experience different cultures. Memo Boelman and Carl Skinstad originally made the ski team as well but due to injury and the choice to try out for other national teams they will be recouping and hopefully racing in Europe respectively.

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SEXUAL HARRASSMENT MEMO

To: Augustana Faculty, Staff and Students
 From: Nancy Goebel and Barry Vall
 Sexual Harassment Advisors
 Re: Sexual Harassment at Augustana
 Date: November 12, 2002

As Sexual Harassment Advisors, we believe that it is important that the Augustana community be aware of the existence of sexual harassment at Augustana. We hope that the following statistics serve as a reminder that as a community we need to continue working towards changing attitudes and behaviours so as not to compromise the safe and comfortable working and living environment of students, staff and faculty.

The following information reflects the nature of complaints that we have received between the winter of 1998 and the spring of 2002 (none of these statistics include complaints of the current academic year). To ensure that specific complaints are not identifiable, we are unable to provide data specific to any one year. Please remember that this data represents complaints brought to us which required some level of action on our behalf and does not reflect incidents which have occurred and have not been reported. Some cases involve more than one form of harassment.

- 14 complaints in total;
- 10 complaints from female students;
- 8 complaints regarding sexual assault;
- 6 complaints of inappropriate or sexist language or behaviour;
- 2 complaints against faculty regarding the classroom environment;
- The was an almost even distribution of male and females as respondents and complainants. There were cases that involve same sex respondents and complainants.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

Nancy Goebel
 Room C110 (library)
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 Room F024 (by coffee house)
 679-1511

Wacky World of Biathlon

-by Chris Hallderson

Well, there is snow on the ground, and the question that is on the tips of everybody's tongues is: what are all those crazy biathletes up to these days? In preparation for a season full of competition, the team is training hard and loving it. Recently, the team was up in Hay River, NWT from November 2-11, chasing the early season snow. Joining the team in Hay River was the Canadian National Junior Biathlon Team. The team was expected to train hard and didn't let the coach down by completing between 25-40 hours of training, depending on the individual's schedule.

After an incredible 14 hour long bus ride through the wilderness, the team emerged in Hay River and was greeted with hospitality from the entire town. Mem-

bers from the community generously opened their homes (and their showers) to the sweaty biathletes. Other activities included a banquet, the renting of the pool and the movie theatre, as well as non-stop maintenance of the training facilities and general fussing over the team's welfare.

The first couple of days of training were met with lots of fresh snow and mild weather (that's anything below -10 in the territories). Then the cold front hit and the team was bombarded with cold temperatures averaging around -15. Moral was only maintained by the battle royal on top of the climbing wall above the Hay River Pool. Frustrated team members would challenge each other to a battle, and the first one to fall off the wall into the pool down below was deemed loser and had to

clean the other person's rifle. When a team member needed to take a mental break from biathlon, he or she immediately took up trying to win the world record on the biathlon game on the team's only Gameboy. Many friendships were lost due to the rivalry over the biathlon game.

A typical day of training at the camp began at 7:00 with morning creak and groan runs, followed by 20 minutes of Craig's super fun fantastic game of core strengthening exercises. Then the team hit the trails for 1.5-2 hours of training. After an afternoon siesta; the team went back to the trails for the second 1.5-2.5 hour training session. Then, before bed time, mental skills drills or dry firing were practiced. One night we got to see a movie while we

Augustana Represented at the 2003

World University Games

- by Chris Hallderson

Augustana has had its share of elite athletes through the years. This year is no exception. Seven Augustana athletes have been selected to represent their school, their communities, their sport and their country at the 2003 World University Games in Tarvisio Italy. The games will be held from January 12th to the 26th. Competing in biathlon, Chris Hallderson, Jamie Masters, Roddy Ward and Michael McKinney have all qualified for the team last spring out of all the student biathletes in Canada. Joining them will be Andy Hallen, who has qualified for the British National Student team, and will be staying with the Canadian team in Italy. Augustana also had two cross-country skiers qualify as well. Carl Skinstad and Menno Boelman were among the best skiers in Canada last season and their success provided them with an opportunity to represent their country at the games as well. The top-rate athletes at Augustana are no doubt attracted by the quality of coaching at Augustana. Craig Ferguson and Jacqueline Ackerman are coaches within the Augustana community and will be the head and assistant Canadian biathlon coaches in Italy.

The World University Games, or Universiade, is an internationally sanctioned multi-sport event held every other year. All of the winter sports represented at the winter Universiade are:



Does this scare anyone else?

cleaned our rifles.

The team highlight of the trip was visiting the Great Slave Lake. The team was met by a whole lot of ice, and quickly got bored. This boredom led to the inevitable infiltration of the Canadian Coast Guard base in Hay River, and ended when we got bored and left the base.

The week ended with three races on the weekend. The team made Augustana proud in that they swept all

the categories they entered, bringing home a total of 24 medals.

Next up for the team is skiing on the local ski trails and walking around on campus in spandex. Make sure you give a friendly whistle whenever you see them around campus to let them know they are appreciated. The next race for the team will be December 14-15 in Canmore, Alberta. Wish them luck.

Plug Them in and F*#king Play: 2002 A year in Music

-by Matt Gusal

This was a year in which we saw the rebirth of a trend that has been used in the past. We saw bands like the Strokes, Vines, Black Rebel Motorcycle Club and the lesser known Division of Laura start of their musically careers at just the right time. The sound of music that the White Stripes and Hives have been playing for the last five years exploded in 2002. It comes from the same mindset that told Pearl Jam, Mudhoney, The Velvet Underground, Led Zeppelin, and countless others to take their instruments in their hands and plug them and f*#king play. This sound isn't a new thing, it is however a new wave of this very old theory. The Strokes, Vines and the Swedish (I think) Division of Laura all offer a very simple branch of this often loud, often rude, killer version of rock and roll. The Strokes and Vines have an awfully large amount of hype around them, it doesn't look like they have the talent to uphold. B.R.M.C. however is a great band that has a lot of musical talent to offer. If their album is not yet in your collection I suggest purchasing it. The Hives have maintained in the your face attitude that got them noticed with their earlier release of the album "Barely Legal."

The White Stripes are the gift that was given to the music industry through all this. Jack White is a guitarist that stand alone. He really does its just him and his sister or wife drummer (I'm not sure.) The music that is on "White Blood Cells" has gotten them attention from all over the globe, including me. The only bad thing I can see from all this is I am sad I only heard on them with their release this year. They have two earlier

releases that are equally as pleasurable to listen to. "De Stijl" and a self titled album. In 2002 we also saw the so called "emo" music right in our faces. Which the other day I was reading on a fan page that it peaked in 1984, interesting. Well, not really. All I can say is for the most part my crank is left unturned. The new releases from New Found Glory and Jimmy Eat World make me want to hide in bed and put a pillow over my ears in fear that a teenaged girl may be humming the tune in front of my house. I guess maybe I should have just turned up my own record player as opposed to doing that for a week this summer. I am left completely unfilled by this music. They seem to have left their passion or I guess I should say emotion at home with there guitar chord chart. There were as far as I'm concerned a few bright spots. The band Dashboard Confessional's 2002 release of "The Places That You've Come To Fear The Most" put a smile on my face and a tear in my bong. I mean beer, sorry. Their little nerdlinger of a lead singer sings about all the problems he has with girls. A topic a guess that for me, hits at home. We also can't forget that the old faithfuls that released new stuff this year and blew our minds. I'm going to first look at Ron Sexsmith, Wilco, Frank black and the Catholics and Gomez who all had very solid releases this year. If you haven't heard of these people go discover them for yourself, (especially Gomez) you can thank me later. While I'm on the topic of stuff that isn't well known at midnight on CBC there is a show called "ZED." It has a bunch of short films on it and it is true art. It can get weird

but stick through it and you'll see something would blow your mind, if the fact that the new Green Day album sucked so much ass already didn't. Its OK though it was a B-sides album. I kinda think Green Day should have kept their shitty stuff to themselves. Sorry I forgot to mention J-Los new release. Anyway the new Pearl Jam is picking up where "Binural" left off. Great music with even better lyrics from my hero and yours Eddie Vedder. Thank you for continuing to make music. The new Bowie reminded me how weird he is. I sure do love the fact he gave Lou Reed a solo career though. Thanks Dave. OOOH and I can't forget Ziggy Stardust that was sweet. Lastly a want to thank Bruce Springsteen and the E-streeters for reuniting at the perfect time. Their album release this year was exactly what music needed, a reminder for why it all began. Great music, friends, having a good time, and love. It also dealt with the hardships felt on 9-11 that no one else could do justice except the Boss. Thank you Bruce. While I'm thanking people I'd like to thank God. I mean Bob Dylan for coming to Edmonton and Calgary so I could plan my summer vacation around it. Thank Tool for visiting me and Jeremy in Edmonton so we could stand around at the concert and comment on how cool it was that their guitarist only used one guitar the whole show, while everyone else was bumping into each other around us, a very strange practise. Thanks to everyone who read this too. I'm not sucking up I just like to be heard p.s. "People who right reviews are stupid." -gus

Nuclear Waste Management in Canada

-by Russell Bird

On January 14, 2000 Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) flew fourteen grams of weapons grade plutonium into the Chalk River Research Reactor in Ontario with a helicopter. This was after months of planning on a road route, which was on the planned day of transportation lined with picketers. The people picketing on the road were afraid that the nuclear fuel would cause harm to Canada's environment, it is because of ignorance like this, that keeps the Canadian nuclear industry from cleaning up Canada's energy producing sector. In 1952 AECL was created to develop peaceful uses of nuclear energy. One of the main focuses of AECL is to manage the waste produced by Canada Deuterium Uranium (CANDU) nuclear reactors, in order to protect the public and the environment from potentially deadly materials. It has been calculated that a nuclear fuel bundle, one year after removal from a nuclear reactor could kill a person in less than ten minutes without even touching them. In the late 1950's AECL began using underwater pools to store nuclear fuel waste. By 1975 AECL had discovered that after seven years under water, the fuel waste could be moved from under water into dry storage inside a concrete cylinder which is a meter thick. One year of nuclear fuel waste would fill ten dry storage cylinders. In 1978 a commission on electrical power recommended a new more permanent form of storage under ground in the

Now allow me to play a picture game. Imagine a Cross that extends an equal distance from the vertex on an axis. Place a pencil on any edge and rotate the cross only ten degrees. Place on all edges and repeat this step. The image you've just created is a swastika.

The swastika was the emblem of the National Socialist Party of Germany a.k.a. the Nazi Movement. It, too, represented a quest for purity in the borders of the sanctified: racial purity, hope for the oppressed (Germany following WWI), courage, life, freedom, and liberty, which respectively antithesize the meanings. The Cross also represented a quest for purity within the borders of the sanctified. The only visible difference

A Slight Modification

-by Trevor Schaffrick

Truth has worn many masks throughout history. It is something many strive for, many never expect to find, something some believe cannot be found. Still for others, truth is very easy to find but more difficult to accept. A Kellian psychologist may say that there is no truth, only personal interpretations of their sensual ex-

perience. Truth appears implicative of black and white, while most people would agree that there are grey areas. Whatever you may believe Truth to be, this perspective may still prove insightful. The Cross has been a sign of Truth for many in the past two millennia....Alright, I saw some twitches. I urge you to continue reading, as this article is surprisingly arbitrary.

The Cross was a mechanism of a slow painful death for those who stood in the way of the Roman supremacy in the time of Christ. In its time, it symbolized fear, death, took on a radical new meaning. It became a sign of courage, life, freedom, and liberty, which respectively antithesize the meanings. The Cross also represented a quest for purity within the borders of the sanctified.

between the Cross and the Swastika: a mere ten degrees at each edge. See how this slight modification made a radical difference in the manifestation of the spirit behind the symbol. Purity has been blasphemed in one case, and so has Truth. I'll let you decide which one. What's my point? If Truth has any value, it should be protected AND shared. If I picked any spot in the world, and headed due north, I would reach the North Pole. If I were a mere ten degrees off, I would NEVER find it. Perhaps you aren't looking for the North Pole. But whatever it is you're going, travel in the company of Truth, or you will never get there.

International

Violence in Africa

by Patricia Macklin

One African in five is caught up in armed conflict. Violence is a way of life, an integral part of the psyche. When a child is asked what he wants to do when he grows up, he says, "I want to be a captain." And when asked why he would want to be a captain, he'll answer, "So I can lead a coup and become President." The example has been set. The only way to get ahead is through violence.

Is that so surprising? Consider the violence meted out to Africa in her history since colonial European powers landed on her shores, thieving land and resources from the rightful owners. Control has been imposed, first by colonial Europeans, then by an impious World Bank and IMF. Africa wants to develop. It is told that it may have loans to do so but only under certain conditions. The structural adjustment programs (SAP) required the removal of all government

subsidies from all social sectors - agriculture, education, health, welfare. Subsidies are, after all, inefficient, and impede the road to development. The SAPs required devaluation of local currency, forced countries to open their markets to cheap, and often subsidized Northern goods. The resulting depression in agricultural prices is such that African farmers commit suicide. People from the North buy up that land, planting monoculture export crops for the international market.

International debt has skyrocketed. Thirty three African nations are listed among the world's most heavily indebted countries by the World Bank. In 1980, Africa owed \$80 billion on its debt. Now it owes \$300 billion. In the interim it has paid \$220 billion, far more than the principle. We talk of bringing globalization to Africa. That can only happen successfully if there is a level playing field. The physical act of owning people has been abolished, but until Af-

rica's debt is forgiven and she can achieve economic independence, slavery has merely been sanitized, something we do from a distance without soiling our hands.

The presentation of Bayowa Adedeji, media director of the Centre for Human Rights Research and Development, Nigeria on October, 21 covered all this and more. It was an enlightening evening attended by approximately 70 people. For all the frustration, poverty, violence and desperation, Bayowa gave us a message of hope. Hope, last to emerge from Pandora's box, after every evil known to man sprang forth, hope is what is left. It is not our job to tell Africa what to do and how to do it. We have done that long enough. We can demand debt forgiveness of the IMF and World Bank. And we can support the people of Africa, not the politicians who have stepped into the corrupt offices left from the colonial era but the grass-

A Story That the Press Wouldn't Touch

by Jenny Lyseng

Kevin McKiernan's career as a photojournalist has taken him to some of the world's most troubled regions, from Nicaragua to West Africa to the Gaza Strip; his work, nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, has been published by Time, Newsweek and the New York Times. But in the early 1990s, while covering the Gulf War, McKiernan discovered a story that the American press wouldn't touch. Using U.S.-made weapons, the Turkish military was perpetrating a campaign of ethnic cleansing

against the Kurds. In the process, 3,500 villages were destroyed and nearly two million Kurdish civilians lost their homes. The Kurdish language has been banned. By order of the Turkish government, Kurds do not exist. So far, this civil war of sorts has resulted in the deaths of roughly 40,000 people, more than the conflicts of the West Bank and Northern Ireland combined. McKiernan's film, "Good Kurds, Bad Kurds," delves deeply into the U.S. complicity in this human rights disaster, indicting the

mainstream news outlets, which, by staying quiet, played a role in perpetuating the violence. The film provides the perspective of Turkish, U.S. and European officials, as well as human rights representatives, and it includes exclusive footage behind the lines of Kurdish guerrillas in Iraq and Turkey. As officials in Ankara insist that the Kurdish uprising is grounded in terrorism, McKiernan eventually secures a one-of-a-kind interview with rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan, not long before U.S. intelli-

Southern Hospitality

By Amu Abdalla

The Sudan is Africa in Microcosm, a large country with geographic extremes, ranging from sandy deserts in the north to the tropical forests in the south. It is culturally a loose association of almost 600 Tribes who have Arabic as their common language. The French, the English, and the Italians, have all had colonies in the Sudan. The cuisine is a melding of the many varied backgrounds of the people who have influenced its history.

The ritual of hospitality is important in the Sudan as it is in other Arab countries. And while there is a measure of similarity in all Arab countries, each has its unique characteristics. For example, no other country prepares coffee as the Sudanese do, and if this country acquired culinary fame, it is for its Jebena Sudanese. The Sudanese fry their coffee beans in a special pot over charcoal and then grind it with cloves and certain spices. They steep it in hot water and serve it lovingly in tiny coffee cups after straining it through a special trash sieve.

gence sets the stage for his capture by Turkish commandos. Subsequently Ocalan was sentenced to death in Turkey where he now awaits execution in a specially constructed prison on an island near Istanbul. Turkey is now vying for acceptance into the European Union. They are trying to establish themselves as a companion and partner with other European nations, and the rest of the world. Humanitarian issues such as the Kurdish civil war have made the union hesitant, however, Turkey is hopeful. The Kurdish language is still outlawed. Kurdish refugees have returned to devastated towns, or remain in bordering countries like Iraq, afraid, si-

In Sudan, if you are an important guest, a sheep will be slaughtered in your honor. Many dishes will then be prepared, each more delicious than the last.

Favorite meats are lamb and chicken. Rice is the staple starch. Breads are the Arabian Khubz, but the Sudanese also make kisra, an omelette-like pancake which is part of the Sudanese dinner. Vegetables, fresh and cooked, are of infinite variety. The okra, which incidentally came to the United States from Africa, is an important ingredient in an okra lamb stew. You must try mafshih, a triple tomato dish stuffed with beef, as it is such fun to make.

As in most Arabic countries, fruits are peeled and cut in small slices for dessert, but the Sudanese also love sweets and every housewife knows how to make creme caramel. You will like their unusual succulent spiced teas which can be made with cloves or cinnamon. Finally an increase burner filled with sandalwood is placed in the center of the room, a touch leaving the guests with a feeling of delightful relaxation.

lenced but still defiant. "Good Kurds, Bad Kurds" allowed me a view into a world I am horrified to call my own. A world where the "good guys" are funding the atrocities that they condemn and civilians are pawns. A world where the bad guys are defined by what they do to us and what we do to each other goes unexamined. This is our world. So lets invite Turkey into the European Union while bombing Iraq, where many Kurds who do not want to settle for silencing or extinction are struggling to survive and preserve their identity. Let's forget about people who don't live in our country. Let's all stay quiet

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Couldn't find the strength to get myself out and up
Rushing to where I had to be I saw a ...
Divine in its own majesty but I had to rush on

I can't desire anything
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I won't love who I want
I'll love anything

Enslaved by my own intuition I'm losing my mind
Been raised by an institution I don't even think
Caught by my own perception I don't see clear
Been living my religion I don't have time

Enlightened by what I've done I've seen so much
I'll stop now and get to know what is going on going on
But I can't stop now I'm getting so good
Keep moving on keep moving on I've got the key

It's time to stop and see what's going on going on
I look around and see
I don't like what I see but I love what I see
I want things to change I'll start right here

I can't change anything
It won't change
I'll do anything
Just keep moving on

Enslaved by my own intuition I'm losing my mind
Been raised by an institution I don't even think
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-anonymous

I don't know what it is about you
You put my heart in a frenzy
Is it your eyes, your smile, your voice?

From the day you came into my life
I fell like I found true love
But, I sit there and think of what might be.

Every bone in my body is telling me
Go for it. This is perfect
But, something is holding me back

to it

The chance of getting hurt again?
The fear of commitment?
Watching you love someone else?

The worst feeling in the world
Is loving someone
But knowing you can never have them.

That is how I feel about you

Maybe I should stop living in the past
Just go for it
But until you are ready to do the same
I am destined to walk alone forever

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- This is yearbook girl. You need a yearbook, Buy a yearbook (the paper is free-ed)
- Seamus O. You're Hot! Love Penelope B.
- To my secret pal(s): Thank you for the presents and caring so much- that really brightened my day! Luv ya Jenn
- Let's make 2003 the year of the mustache and mullet, or mullet, or mustache, or mullet mustache, or mustache mullet, please. (Am I a bit obsessed?)
- Masturbate. Try it, it's fun- Land Person
- Once an eight year old told me it was cool to not wipe my ass. It's not cool-Roddy
- Fight we'd like to see: Men's Volleyball vs Men's curling. OK, in reality we just want to see how badly they can beat each other in their opponent's respective sport.
- You don't have any questions prepared? This is the most hostile interview ever. -Roddy
- Can we make PILF (pron) a permanent member of our 2003 vernalcal?
- Did you know that November was "senior pet month?" shit, me neither. I blame the paper.
- 2003 album of the year, Dance Mix 95. (its the only reason this paper got done-ed)
- I should be with you
our love would stick like glue
unfortunately I have a cleft pallet
but don't worry, my surname rhymes with mallet"

DAG THANK-YOU'S

- Eugene, our saviour, thank you for saving us from killing ourselves.
- Name rhymes with Hozun, yeah, you know we'd be dead without you.
- Kent McFadyen- you rock!
- Jenny Lyeng, Chomsky = Marriage... and thank you.
- Andrea, you're cool. - 3rd Hoyme kicks ass!
- Herb and Janet Mwamburi- thanks for all the articles!
- Thank you to all the contributors, those who regularly contribute and others who are more spontaneous. Every article is appreciated, if not for publication then for our own amusement.
- Our next issue will be out in January so keep writing and keep reading. I think it'll be a sex issue. Yeah, that's right. Sex.
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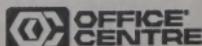
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How to Reduce Stress

-by Crystal Howells

As university students we all have a certain degree of stress. Some people deal well, and some people (like me) fail to deal well. Here are a few steps to take when coping with everything that is university:

- 1) Go to class. Trust me....it reduces the amount of stress in the future.
- 2) Don't cloud your head with boys/girls....they are bad. Remember this at the bar after a couple too many tequilas--that's how I got my last boyfriend....no more alcohol...
- 3) When your english assignment isn't going well....don't scream loud obscenities at the computer, give up and write an article for the dag instead!
- 4) Get to know the bouncers/bartender/dj at the criminal....if they listen-up them, they will become your best friends
- 5) Go to the library...i didn't even know there was a library

until....well....okay today...but still, go there.

- 6) Don't load your schedule with stupid things like classes, and homework....leave room for the important things: sev runs, ten cent hamburgers, and cheap nite at the movies
- 7) Keep thinking....seven more months....only seven more months
- 8) Movies movies movies--they are a lifesaver, or as Professor Osbourne would say a life-avoider....whatever they are, they take your mind off things (even if it involves watching someone eat a life person's eyeballs...hygones)
- 9) whatever you do, do not take up smoking....its bad for your lungs....and your bank account....once again trust me....I know
- 10) Don't swear at the student loans operators....even if they talk bullshit and rip

you off for about \$600 dollars and the fifteen minute phone call....out of province....during the day, the majority of it spent on hold....(yes I am mumbbling obscenities under my breath)

- 11) If you lose your i.d., don't waste a trip up to the dmv, as they know nothing and can't help you anyway and finally
- 12) If all else fails and you are still stressed....bang your head against the wall about five or six times, buy a bottle of Skyy and dance naked in front of your mirror (note: make sure you lock your door and close the curtains....trust me I know!)

So the moral of this little story here, is that in order to have a good time in college you have to be able to take the ups with the downs. Smile even when it feels like the whole world is crashing down on top of you, because they don't have search and rescue teams for nothing!!.

Poop-a-scopes

(uh, some thing instead of Horoscopes)

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19): When clipping your toe nails, flush the toilet before you start clipping cause you may have to reach into poop to get your clippers out if you drop them.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20): Now is not a good time to eat poop.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21): Telling your friends that you're having a "new years eve poop party" is not likely to get them to come

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): "Holy poop" has a considerably different effect than "Holy shit."

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22): Fiber fiber fiber--poop poop poop. If you eat the soap in your stocking, although it is not very fibrous, it will still probably make you poop.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22): If your name is Neo you will have a really good 2003. You'll most likely go to Cuba where you will find that communist poop is much like capitalist poop, except that it won't try to exploit you and it is a little nicer.

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22): When your dog is standing on your head at six in the morning telling you that there is poop flowing into the kitchen through the sewer you should really consider going back to sleep.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21): Poop can look alot like chocolate pudding. Do not be fooled.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21): Poop spelled backwards is poop

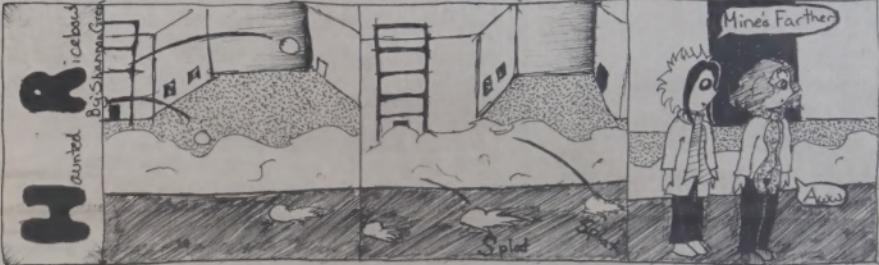
Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19): Once I didn't poop for nine days and then when I finally did it felt like I was giving birth to an alligator.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18): Children are easily amused by poop.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20): If you're an old age home and you think that there's poop on the hallway floor, it is probably poop.

(now that's some grand shit-ed)

(line word illustration see 3 lines for first call)



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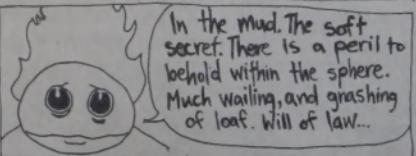
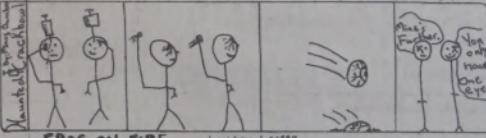
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Dear Crabby



*He's not cool!
No, he's not hip!
He's an old bummer with
advice to give!*

*Dear Crabby,
Your a dick!
Anonymous*

*Dear Anonymous,
Actually, "your" is possessive. You mean "you're" which is a contraction of "you are". For example "your grammar is substandard" (possessive) and "you're not very bright" (contraction).*

*Dear Crabby,
How do I get a girl to like me?
Tereus of Thrace*

*Dear Tereus of Thrace,
Tell her that her sister is dead.*

*Dear Crabby.
You and I had a conversation on Friday November 15 in the student association boardroom. During that conversation you took my ACTISEC PEN AND I WANT IT BACK PLEASE. You can drop it off at the student office with Cindy or you can return it to my room. My room is in the first year complex and my room is 163 west. If you do not return my pen I will hunt you down and use my Karate against you." Thanks
Kara*

[This particular response was answered by Mr. Crabby's solicitors, Fielding, Syde, Smith & Thordson]

*Dear Kara,
Said ACTISEC pen has been acquired and is now in possession of one Mr. Crabby. Having acquired said pen under the basis that you, Kara of 163 west, willingly handed the pen in question thereby transferring ownership of the ACTISEC pen to*

Mr. Crabby... Mr. Crabby is not required under the Canadian Property Act to relinquish the ACTISEC pen to you. Your threat that you will "hunt you [Mr. Crabby] down and use my Karate against you" has been noted and a restraining order will be obtained shortly. We kindly advise you to stay at least one hundred meters from Mr. Crabby and caution you that any physical contact with Mr. Crabby will result in charges being laid. Thank you.

*Dear Crabby,
I hate you and you're stupid column. Kiss my donkey you illegitimate child.
Jeff*

*Dear Jeff,
Again I would like to reiterate these simple contractions:
You are = You're
They are = They're
I am = I'm*

*These are possessive words:
Your
Their
My*

Please observe these simple rules before insulting Crabby in the future. Thank you.

*Dear Crabby,
Who is the new leader in China?
Bush.*

*Dear Bush,
Yes that is correct.*

*Dear Crabby,
My new girlfriend is coming on too strongly. How do I keep her from pressuring me into having sex?
Sean*

*Dear Sean,
Oh, that's a toughie... Try taking up Advanced Dungeons & Dragons as a hobby. While many couples find that role-playing increases their sex life, a healthy dose of D&D may actually be used to decrease one's sexual attraction. A sort of anti-aphrodisiac if you will. The trick is to let your (note the proper possessive tense of "your") life be saturated in the fantasy until you are no longer able to distinguish it from reality.*



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Let's just call it Mystic

by Craig Mackie



Mystic on Religion and Economics.

*Student: "What happened to Christ in Christmas?"
Mystic: "Jesus doesn't sell Coke."*

Mystic on Politics and Technology.

*Student: "We can vote online for the Twin Tower monuments?"
Mystic: "Yes."
Student: "That's kinda ridiculous."
Mystic: "Internet voting substitutes for some sort of democracy."*

Mystic on Education and Plagiarism (taken from phi 290 syllabus)

Mystic: "If you're having a problem with an assignment, or if you aren't sure whether something is plagiarism, come see me and I'll help you do it properly."

Uh, will my profs ever talk to me again (on the record)?? By the way, I think George W. Bush is a "moron" on and off the record.

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